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C O N F I D E N T I A L QUEBEC 0280

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, CA
SUBJ: LEVESQUE TURNS THE DAGGER

REF: QUEBEC 0278

1. UNDERSTAND FROM SENIOR CIVIL SERVICE SOURCE WITH INTIMATE
CONTACTS IN CABINET THAT RENE LEVESQUE'S OFFER TO NEGOTIATE
SCHOOL ENTRANCE QUESTION ON BASIS RECIPROCITY WITH OTHER
PROVINCIAL PREMIERS WAS NOT--AS SOME SUSPICIOUS MINDS ASSUMED--
PART OF WELL THOUGHT OUT STRATEGY. ON CONTRARY, ACCORDING MY
SOURCE, IT WAS "BRILLIANT" INNOVATION BY LEVESQUE WHICH MITIGATES
VENGEFUL IMPLICATIONS OF EXCLUSION OF CHILDREN OF CANADIAN PARENTS
FROM OTHER PROVINCES FROM ENGLISH SCHOOL, FORCES HIS OWN HARD-
LINERS TAKE SLIGHTLY LESS RIGID STANCE, CHAMPIONS CAUSE OF
FRANCOPHONES OUTSIDE QUEBEC BY CHALLENGING ANGLOPHONE PREMIERS TO GIV
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"EQUAL TREATMENT" TO THEIR FRANCOPHONE MINORITIES, AND PRESENTS
OTHER PROVINCES WITH HOBSON'S CHOICE OF NEGOTIATING WITH
QUEBEC ON MATTER WITHIN PROVINCIAL COMPETENCE OR APPEARING
REPRESSIVE OF MINORITIES. (COMMENT: FOR MANY IN QUEBEC, AT LEAST
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PART OF ONUS FOR MOST BLATANTLY VENGEFUL ASPECT OF QUEBEC'S
PROPOSED LANGUAGE LEGISLATION WILL NOW BE SHIFTED TO ANGLOPHONE
PREMIERS SHOULD THEY HEED TRUDEAU'S ADVICE TO REJECT LEVESQUE'S
OFFER.)

2. SAME SOURCE IDENTIFIED LANGUAGE HARD-LINERS AS, INTER ALIA:
CAMILLE LAURIN, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT MINISTER MAROIS,

IMMIGRATION MINISTER COUTURE, CULTURAL AFFAIRS &
COMMUNICATIONS MINISTER O'NEILL, AND PARLIAMENTARY MINISTER
BURNS. SUPPORTING LEVESQUE'S LESS RIGID STANCE WERE "ALL
MINISTERS DEALING WITH ECONOMIC QUESTIONS," I.E.: MINISTER OF
FINANCE PARIZEAU, MIN ECO AFFS LANDRY, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRIES
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BERUBE, ETC.
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